

Since ancient Athens, the principles of democracy have rested on full participation of all citizens, all viewpoints, engaged in respectful but robust dialogue. (Not to be confused with shouting matches and cutting opposing opinions off mid-sentence.)

To ensure this, we need to provide media access to the broadest number of constituents.

I do not believe that allowing corporations to own even more media outlets than they currently do meets these standards. Ownership should be limited - not expanded.

I have little hope that in these times, this viewpoint will prevail. I expect that the current trend towards plutocracy will continue to erode democratic principles. I would be more than delighted if you proved me wrong.